

## PASTOR FAILS TO FIND WIFE WHO TOOK THEIR BABES

Mrs. Osterheld Missing a Month, Returns and Kidnaps Children After Fight.

HE TRAILS HER IN AUTO.

Returns After Many Hours of Search Without Having Located Her.

Dudley Oliver Osterheld, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Ozone Park, L. I., failed to-day to locate his wife, who yesterday kidnapped their two children. He trailed her over miles of territory in an automobile.

It developed to-day that the kidnapping was accomplished on the eve of a settlement between the pastor and his wife, by which he was to obtain permanent possession of the children. The papers were to be signed to-day. Mrs. Osterheld could not bear the thought of parting with her children, and determined to obtain them by force.

George H. Schroeder, a real estate dealer, of No. 510 Fulton street, and the father of Mrs. Osterheld, declined to say to-day whether or not he knew where his daughter and her children were.

"My daughter's husband has tried to railroad her to an asylum," the father said. "She is not insane and never has been. Her husband brought proceedings to send her away, but withdrew them when he found that I meant to fight him. He made her unhappy by being parsimonious. My daughter had one new dress in two years, and he only gave her \$30 to run the house every month. She had to pay the rent out of it."

### Denials for Husband.

John W. Gray, counsel for the Rev. Mr. Osterheld, denied that his client had been close with his wife. "He was always kind and generous," said the lawyer, "and treated her as a husband, father and clergyman should."

Mrs. Osterheld disappeared four weeks ago while proceedings were pending to determine her sanity. Her husband and their two children, Earl, four years old, and Ruth, aged two, went to live with the family of Charles Hicks, at Oakley and Belmont avenues, Ozone Park. Nothing was seen or heard of her until yesterday, when she suddenly appeared at the Hicks home, in a carriage, with two women. One of her companions, raw-boned, muscular and dressed in blue, went to the door with her, and when Mrs. Osterheld demanded her children, her companion put her large foot in the door so it could not be closed.

### Forcibly Take Children.

"I want my babies!" cried the pastor's wife hysterically. "Mabel! Grace!" cried Mrs. Hicks to her daughters.

As she turned Mrs. Osterheld and her companion forced the door in and rushed into the parlor, where the two daughters had been playing with the children. Mrs. Hicks snatched Earl and Miss Mabel, seeing that there was something afoot, clasped the little girl in her arms.

The pastor's wife sprang on Mrs. Hicks, forcing her back against the wall, and tore her little boy from her arms.

"Take the baby!" cried Mrs. Osterheld to her companion. The latter pinioned Miss Mabel and forced her to give up the baby. With the children in their arms the two women sprang into the carriage and the horses were lashed into a run toward Jamaica.

### Prayers at Rectory.

The pastor returned home soon afterward. He was overcome with grief when he heard the story. He called for an automobile and started out blindly. The little town was soon alive to its first big sensation. The parishioners gathered at the home of the pastor, and the strange sight of a score of women praying for his success was seen.

Mr. Osterheld assumed the pastorate of the Ozone Park Church three years ago, and has endeavored himself to the people of the church. His wife also has been warmly loved by the members of the congregation.

The day following Thanksgiving, Mrs. Osterheld according to her husband, began acting strangely. Her actions grew steadily more pronounced in character. For several weeks she continued this conduct until the middle of December. Mr. Osterheld took steps to have his wife's mental condition examined. The proceedings were before County Judge Bert Jay Humphrey. Shortly after this Mrs. Osterheld mysteriously disappeared.

### DIVULGES THEFT IN DREAM.

Girl Then Charges Her Sister with Receiving Stolen Goods.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—Having divulged in a dream a theft which she later acknowledged, Miss Emma Kratz, a sixteen-year-old girl of No. 233 Cambridge street, to-day caused the arrest of her sister, Mrs. Feiv, on a charge of receiving and keeping a diamond ring the article which she had stolen.

Mrs. Feiv was arraigned to-day, and went with Miss Kratz and she told the ring from a friend and gave it to Mrs. Feiv. Miss Kratz declared she had her sister's hand stolen the ring, and when she asked that it be returned she could restore it to its owner.

Mrs. Feiv refused to give it up. Mrs. Feiv was released on her own bond.

### LEADER DALTON'S SMOKER.

William Dalton, Tammany leader of the Ninth Assembly District, will entertain his constituents at a smoker with vaudeville talent and speeches by politicians on the questions of the hour to-morrow evening at the club-house, Thirty-third street and Eighth avenue. The annual ball of the association will be held in the New Amsterdam Opera-house on Feb. 4. The Hippodrome band will furnish the music and leading stage talent the entertainment.

## STOCKS MIXED IN AN ACTIVE MARKET

Strength of Northern Pacific and Reading Failed to Hold Off Late Reaction.

A selling movement in the early market today carried stocks to a fractionally lower level. Trading was active and dealings widely distributed. Canadian Pacific declined 13-4. Amalgamated Copper 11-8 and Reading, Great Northern preferred, Brooklyn Rapid Transit and American Sugar large fractions.

There was a slight rally which failed to hold, prices driving downward. Smelting losing 21-2. Amalgamated Copper 17-8. Great Northern preferred 11-4. Missouri Pacific 11-8. New York Central, Reading and Union Pacific 11-2 and Pennsylvania 11-4.

A rally which set in before mid-day was continued after a slight check, with a special demand for Union Pacific and Reading, which recovered fully. The Hill stocks and Brooklyn Transit increased their gains slightly and American Smelting also returned to yesterday's closing figure. Federal Mining preferred yielded 4 and Pacific Coast 21-2.

Northern Pacific and Reading rose vigorously and carried up the entire list with them in sympathy. Very heavy orders were executed in the active specialties and the graners. Northern Pacific gained 2-3-4. Brooklyn Transit 2-3-8. American Mailing preferred 2. Reading 1-3-4. St. Paul and Interborough-Metropolitan preferred 1-1-2. Consolidated Gas and International Pump 1-1-4. and Union Pacific preferred, Illinois Central, Kansas and Texas, Norfolk and Western Ontario and Western American Sugar, National Lead, General Electric and Distillers' Securities 1.

There was a reaction in the final dealings, in which some of the gains were wiped out, the market closing mixed and active.

The total sales of stock were \$64,700 shares and of bonds \$3,775,000.

The Closing Prices.

Today's highest, lowest and last price of stocks and of net changes as compared with yesterday's final figures are as follows:

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## FATHER OF ELOPING PRINCESS IS DEAD

Demise of Duke of Tuscany Recalls Escapades of Louise, Saxon King's Former Wife.

SALZBURG, Austria, Jan. 17.—Archduke Ferdinand IV., Grand Duke of Tuscany, and father of Countess Montignoso, formerly Princess Louise, and the divorced wife of the present King of Saxony, who last year was wedded to Signor Toselli, a musician, died here this morning.

The late duke is known as the Emperor's favorite, and was made two hundred years ago by the duke of Youghal, County of Cork, Ireland. It was made with 600 thread, the finest made, and according to the best experts, required twelve years to complete. The texture is so fine some parts of it cannot be traced without a glass. There is only one other set in existence. It was the property of Queen Victoria, and is now owned by Queen Alexandra of England.

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